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The Assembly has passed the bill for the purpose of the Government has declared its policy was to show the public that the Government was not in a position to maintain the most amicable relations with Italy.

THE TROUBLED CASE.

Mr. Whalley has been summoned for contempt of Court, in upholding late's accuracy.

HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The postponed yacht race of yesterday, and for once the committee were favored in having a splendid day for match sailing, the weather being fine, and the wind strong.

Only three vessels came to the start, viz., "Hwa Noid," and "Zura," and shortly after ten o'clock they got the signal to go.

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THE MASONIC BALL.

On Thursday evening, the Freemasons gave a ball at the City Hall, under the auspices of the District Grand Lodge, and the entertainment went off with great spirit from beginning to end.

The Hall was very prettily and elaborately decorated, a large number of masonic emblems, tapestries to the illuminated, being interspersed with wreaths of evergreens, and producing an interesting and very pleasing effect.

Outside the hall were festoons of Chinese lanterns, hung on strings stretching from the building to adjacent trees, some of the lamps being of the masonic blue and white colors.

On entering the hall, the visitor was met by two long rows of pillars, one on each side, and respectively supporting a terrestrial and a celestial globe; further on, was an arch with the letters T. N. O. T. G. A. O. T. U. inscribed on it.

The stairs and landings were covered in the centre with red carpet, and at the sides, by a striped blue and white druggery, and above the landing were three gas illuminations, the centre one a star, with on the respective sides of it, a triangle having the letter "G" in the centre, and the well known masonic emblem of the square and compasses.

The ballroom was decorated with various flags, and with evergreens worked into masonic devices. The Masons appeared in their various aprons, collars, &c., and many of the ladies wore masonic robes.

Shortly after half-past nine, H. B. the Governor, accompanied by Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. T. G. Lindeau, the Deputy District Grand Master, arrived, and was received under the "arch of steel" made by the Knight Templars, who were drawn up in lines on each side of the entrance, joining the points of their swords across the passage.

By 10 o'clock the room was well filled with guests, among whom were Sir Brooke Robertson, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Hon. J. G. Austin, Hon. O. C. and Mrs. Smith, &c. &c. The dancing commenced, and was kept up with great energy till supper time, when the guests were led under another arch of steel into the St. Andrew's Hall, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion; a prominent feature being illuminations, with the words Justice, Temperance, Faith, Fortitude, &c., in large letters. Unluckily some of these caught fire, a circumstance which caused some little disturbance, but was in a short time rectified by putting the lights behind the illuminations out.

The D.D.G.M. took the chair, supported on his right by Miss Kennedy, and on his left by H. B. the Governor.

The D.D.G.M. was to propose the Queen and the Gratitude. He said:—According to custom, at our public functions, it is my duty and pleasure to propose to you that first and familiar toast to be tendered to the Queen, and the Gratitude.

The toast was joyfully and enthusiastically responded to.

The D.D.G.M. then rose again, and proposed the guests, coupled with the name of H. B. the Governor, as follows:—

Brethren—Although doubtless with your usual zeal you are prepared to cease from refreshment and return to labor with your fair partners on the ballroom floor, still there is one just more, the last of the evening, which I am sure you will desire to do full justice to before leaving the hall.

It is the toast of our guests. It is rarely that we have the opportunity of publicly administering to the enjoyment of the community amongst whom we may be residing, and acting our fraternal duties, and it is therefore a source of late, it is performed in congratulatory and grateful feelings, although all the world may know that we are not living up to the principles taught him in the Lodge, is one to which the brethren here may pour forth their sorrows, the distressed, prefer their own; whose heart is guided by justice, and whose hand is extended in benevolence; and although our labors may not be observed by the presence of the softer sex, yet they are neither absent from our thoughts nor our care, and every wife, sister, and daughter of a mason, among the persons who are around us this evening, has every man's man a special friend. But to all our guests, whether within or without the hall, the craft are delighted to extend the right hand of fellowship with a hearty and warm welcome, and this welcome comes from the whole body of brethren here assembled, comprising members of every Lodge and degree in Hongkong, comes from the stewards who have so ably performed their duties, from the Grand Lodge committee of the Ball, from the number, but who in masonic parlance have proved themselves both able and willing to take the management of the work, and who have borne the heat and burden of the day; and our military brethren, who have added to the success of our efforts by the presence of their band, and the music of their talented leader, Bro. Freyling; and, brethren, knowing you are all so warmly and honorably to us all to welcome amongst our guests, the representative of our Queen, H. B. the Governor, accompanied by his daughter, and I have to express my deep regret at the absence, through indisposition, of Lady Kennedy, with a sincere hope that she

